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1. IFA-Schlepperwerk, Brandenburg. Some time ago this plant changed from the manufacturing of the tractor "Aktivist" to that of the tractor "Rübezahl." When this was done, all the special equipment for the production of the "Aktivist" tractor was scrapped. When recently the production of "Aktivists" was to be resumed, it could not be done because needed equipment was lacking. Inquiries were initiated into which the State Control Commission at Potsdam ultimately intervened, and which placed the responsibility into the hands of the management of the works.
2. On the occasion of a recent works meeting, the staff and workers were urged to make more use of the improvement suggestion box system in the future, in order to emulate the example of scientific and economic management of the Transformatoren-und Röntgenwerk Dresden. The speaker said that in the first four months of 1952, 63 improvement suggestions were handed in, as a result of which costs were reduced by 4,197 DM. The following employees were given bonuses for improvement suggestions: Henning (fnu), department BW 5, for his suggestion of hourly wage rate cards, 55 DM; Leuschner (fnu), tool making department, for fabricating a drill gauge, 50 DM; Both and Kleinhans (fnu), mechanical engineering department, for improvements in a rotary lathe, 50 DM; Frau Gartemann (fnu) for a suggestion about the information service, 60 DM; Dorau (fnu), engine building department, for introducing a grinding attachment, 35 DM; Hirschmann (fnu), grinding department, for a set up of grinding disks, 45 DM.
3. Production at the IFA-Schlepperwerk suffers because of preparations to begin the production of a new tractor, "KS 62", in a short time. On 3 June 1952 there was a recruiting meeting for the Volkspolizei, for all employees between 18 and 25 years of age.

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